



Robert G. Hickes

September 26, 1945 - July 30, 2013

Dr. Robert George Hickes, 67, of LaFayette, NY, passed away on July 30, 2013 after a sudden illness. He was born to the late John and Frances Roberta Hickes on September 26, 1945 in Quincy, Massachusetts. He grew up in Great Falls, Montana, where he became an avid fly fisher and outdoorsman. He received his B.S. from Columbia College in 1967, and earned his M.D. from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1971. After many years running a private oncology practice, he became a hospitalist at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY, where he worked for the last 7 years. Bob was a dedicated physician who always put his patients' needs first and foremost. He was a loving father to his two daughters, Katie and Emily. He was a devoted husband to Carol, with whom he had been for 14 years, and a caring father figure to Carol's children Brandon and Abbey. Bob came from a large, close-knit family. He loved visiting family members all over the country, and was everyone's favorite "Uncle Bobby." His playful, larger-than-life spirit and loving nature brought joy to those who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Carol; his daughters Katie (Nissim) Karpenstein and Emily (Bill) Meyn; his step-children Brandon Oot and Abbey Oot; his sisters Pam (Bill) Baker, Heidi Hickes, and Gretchen Hickes; his brothers Jan (Linda) Hickes and Jamie (Rhonda) Hickes; many beloved nieces and nephews; his former wife Joyce Greene; and his grandchildren Jamie and Rose. Calling hours will be on Thursday, August 1 from 5-8 pm at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 2584 Field Lane at Route 20, LaFayette, NY 13084. A memorial service will

be held on Friday August 2 at 10 am at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, 5299 Jamesville Rd DeWitt, NY 13214. Donations may be made to Crouse Health Foundation: crouse.org/give/foundation/giving.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert G. Hickes*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bobby\'s family, We are sorry to hear about Bob\'s passing. Bobby was a great friend and we shared many great adventures together. He is always in my daily memories.*

August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I WAS VERY SHOCKED TO READ OF HIS DEATH. BOBBY AND I WERE GOOD FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES IN OUR YOUTH. I AM VERY SORRY FOR EVERYONES LOSS. WARREN L. SKOG*

August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Carol, The Klemperers are so saddened to hear of your loss. We have such special memories of sitting and talking soccer with you and Bob at MPH. We did not know him well, but were always struck by his gentle, sweet nature and the twinkle in his eye. You had a wonderful partner and husband and we know you will miss him dearly. We send our sincere condolences and prayers for comfort and healing.

August 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I had the great pleasure to meet Dr. Hickes when my sister was a patient at Crouse Hospital this past winter. He was the most caring of Doctors and truly concerned with my sister's health and well-being. He would call me every night - sometimes as late at 10:30PM - to discuss her care that day and what was ahead for us the next day. It was a stressful time that was made much easier by his care and concern. He will truly be missed.

August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Bob and I go back many years as we both shared many great times on the tennis court and golf course. He was a great competitor and always a good sport. He possessed a very strong tennis forehand which could be intimidating if he caught you at close range at the net. Unorthodox in golf, Bob was always optimistic that the tide was turning -no matter how far down in the match. Considering the delicacy and finesse required in fly fishing, it is somewhat surprising to me that Bob excelled in that sport considering his great strength and aggressiveness on court and course. My wife, Stosie was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer since Bob left Ithaca, but he has been most comforting to her on his occasional trips to Ithaca. Bob's good humor and sensitivity will be missed, and Stosie and I want to express our sympathy to his family who lost Bob much too soon.

August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ As Bob's younger sister, I looked up to him as he was such a big presence in our lives. We used to call him the "family man", as he was always the one to plan a gathering. If any of us on the west coast were heading to Boston, he always made it a point to come from New York, even when it meant a day of driving to and fro and only being in Boston for 24 hrs. Family was very important to him and he always made the biggest effort to be there for any of us at any time. Although I do not have an athletic bone in my body, am not an advocate for hunting and tired of eating trout by the time I was six, my brother and I were competitive when it came to movies. We always tried to one up each other when one of us would see the latest, greatest indie film first. I have to admit, I was hard to beat. There were many voicemails and text messages back and forth this summer. He saw some bum movies and he would leave a lengthy message of how bad a particular movie was. I would cringe hearing he would have spent his time seeing THAT movie. I had to have an intervention. I told him to spend a little time on say, rottentomatoes.com, reading about a movie before he went. My last communication from Bobby was thanking me for this little pearl. From his excitement, I could tell he had yet another new love. My heart goes out to Katie and Nissim, Emily and Bill, Carol, Joyce, my siblings Jan (Linda), Pam (Bill), Jamie (Rhonda) and Heidi and to little Jamie and Rose who were just beginning to know their fun and funny grandfather.

August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sending my deepest sympathy to Joyce, Emily, Katie and the rest of Bob's family. I have sweet memories of Bob taking my son Matthew fly fishing in Fall Creek. Kathy McLaren

August 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ DEEP FELT THANKS.MY WIFE WOULD PROBABLY BE NOT STILL HERE BUT FOR YOUR DEEP CONCERN.YOU CAME OUT OF NOWHERE AND SAW THE PROBLEM THAT HAD BEEN UNSEEN BY OTHERS. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU.

August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol and Family- Words cannot express how much sadness we feel for your loss. We hope you find some peace with the knowledge that you and Bob had some wonderful years together. Please know if there is anything we can do for you, just say the word. Kathy and Jeff Crouse

August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ For the family of Dr. Hickes, Thank you for the amazing blessing that Dr. Hickes was to me in my daily activites at Crouse Hospital. He always carried a smile and a spontaneous \"Hello, how are you? \" What a delight to have a physician to work with that brought with him everyday the passion to help patients and to touch our lives both personally and professionally. I personally will hold near and dear his caring nature and personal touch he brought to the care of our patients and crouse family. Please except my deepest sympathies in this most challenging time.

August 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I will never forget the first time I made you laugh... I must have been 7 or 8, at the famous Hickes dinner table, best day ever. I only hope to have half the humor and heart you had. Love you tons.

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“ Dear Carol, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless, Mary Kane

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“ My deepest condolences to your family. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Hickes for the last few years and we at the hospital felt such a horrific loss, that I can only imagine the depth of your loss as a family member. When Dr. Hickes would appear on our floor at the hospital he would come with three things: gifts of food (pinwheels a favorite), jokes, and always a smile. Daily he made a serious atmosphere much better and cared so deeply for his patients. Often he would call the floor at an ungodly hour to check on a patient he was worried about. Everyone lucky enough to cross his path, was blessed and will always remember him with love. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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“ I first met Dr. Hickes when I was the head nurse of the medical unit at Cayuga Medical Center, and I worked with him for many years while he had his oncology practice in Ithaca. He was a fine physician, and truly cared about his patients. We loved working with him. I was just thinking about him on Friday when I ran into a retired physician who was a partner in the Ithaca practice. To Bob's family, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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“ I was very sorry to hear that Dr. Hickes passed away. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family. I have fond memories of him. As ever, Laura Tyler Paige

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“ Carol I was sorry to read of your loss. I know there is nothing anyone can say but our thoughts are with you at this time. I will stop by the Greenhouse next week again so sorry. Hugs and Love to you and the Kids.

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“ We are a part of Bobby\'s brother, Jamie\'s (& Rhonda\'s), Winnipeg family. We had the great pleasure of spending time with Bobby (and then Carol) a number of times when he was up here for visits. He was such a pleasure to be around - always fun and engaging. We are so saddened to hear of your loss and our hearts go out to all of you at this very difficult time.

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“ Bill and I are so very sorry to learn of Bob\'s passing. He was very kind to both of us and was especially good to my daughter Elizabeth, for whom the Hickes house was practically a second home for many years. We send our deepest sympathy to Katie, Emily, Joyce, and Bob\'s entire family. Amy Tompkins, I feel blessed to have known such a wonderful man. He was a true kindred spirit and beloved member of the Crouse family. He will be greatly missed by us all.

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“ dr hickes was a wonderful doctor, man, and co worker. i was always so happy when i saw my patients had him as a doctor. he would sit with the patients, and get involved in patient care. we would get oreos and cheese-its from him, which was nice on busy days(-: he would do push ups with the nurses and we would all cheer! a patient that he cared for passed away and i told him, he made a note to send the family a card. what a great man! he will be missed greatly.

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“ I had the honor of knowing Bobby just a little, and wish I had known him better and got to know him even more, he was a very nice man and a wonderfull brother to my late husband Michael Hickes, he gave lots of his time to console with my late husbands doctors when michael was very sick, although he lived so far away from us. we admired him very much. He will be sorely missed and I want him to know how much we appreciated his advise and concerns during Michaels Terminal illness. May he rest in Peace!

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“ Carol and family, Very sorry to hear of your loss. Theresa Stevens

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“ I know nothing I can say will make it easier for you at a time like this. Just know my thoughts and prayers are with you as are so many others that knew, loved and respected this wonderful, lovable, witty man.

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“ We are very sadden to hear of the passing of Such a Fabulous Doctor ,Friend, Dr Hickes.... We were all Honored to have worked with Dr Hickes at Crouse. He Always had a Smile, Joke, Treats, and Most of All Compassion for All of Us which will be Greatly Missed. Dr Hickes we know that You Will Always Be A Huge Part Of Us but Most of All \"Our Guardian Angel\", Rest In Peace!!!!

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“ Dear Carol, We just learned that bob passed away suddenly yesterday; a blessing for him; a terrible shock for you, but I'm sure you will find solace in the joy you brought to him as well as cherish the times you shared together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the days ahead. Sincerely, Noreen and Mickey

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“ Bob was a very special person. He was wealthy beyond most of us because as he said, “his needs were few!” Bob, s idea of a good time involved any of the following maybe close to in order: Family Friends Medicine Sports Fishing Golfing Bridge Pets He had no class discrimination. If you we\re a human being he treated you as an equal, no matter if you washed dishes , mowed lawns, or were an emperor. His zest for life was insatiable and his attitude always positive. While he loved competition, he was there for the beaten and downtrodden. He always felt that listening to his patients was the key to success as a physician. He proved it by making diagnoses and successfully treating patients where others failed. If you we\re a friend or family member, he cared and would be there for you. He proved that many, many times. There were few that could call him a true friend. We were lucky enough to be in that category and feel a part of the family. He will be truly and deeply missed. Joan and Roy Berger

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“ I had the great pleasure of working with Dr. Hickes. I will never forget the kindness and compassion he brought with him every where he went. He always joked about how myself and another nurse were sisters separated at birth because he was always mixing up our names because he said we looked so much alike. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He will be truly missed.

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“ Joyce and family. I was shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's passing. Like mand..Bob certainly saved my life many years ago but he was also a good friend to Tom and me. I'd like to believe he and Tom will be fishing now in the Big lake together. So sad for you and the girls and hope soon your grief and sadness will be replaced by the good memories you shared. Rest in peace my friend.

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“ Carol, I am so sorry for your loss. May the good memories help you through this difficult time.

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“ I had the extreme pleasure of attending orientation at Crouse Hospital with Dr. Hickes. We were sitting together and playing a number of games and having discussions. He truly impressed me with his wit, humor, and genuine caring. We laughed and laughed together that day. I couldn't believe this man was a doctor and was in orientation with the rest of us. I also had the pleasure of transcribing his dictations over the years. You could tell from these reports how much he was devoted to his profession and to his patients. He will be missed more than I can express. My sincere and heart felt sympathy and prayers go to his family and friends. You helped to make him the wonderful man that he was.

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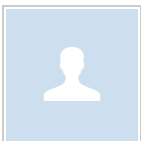
“ Please know that I will keep Dr Hickes and his family and friends in my prayers. Crouse has lost an awesome doctor. He was always so kind and patient with everyone he met and always appreciative to the nurses and others who cared for patients. He would take his time to explain and teach us about what was going on with his patients. Whenever we had a complicated patient of his on our floor, we would see him before he left for the day and you could count on him calling in the evening to check on the patient or to give additional orders for that patient - very caring to all of them. I will miss him.

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“ Bob was a wonderful colleague with whom I had the pleasure to interact at Cayuga Medical Center for many years. I always appreciated his lively spirit and his genuine concern for the welfare of his patients. Among many fond memories I have of him, I recall him expounding at length on proper melon selection at Wegman's (and how he would insist on the produce manager cutting a melon and giving him a sample before he would purchase it!). know that his patients benefited greatly from such attention to detail! I am sure he will be much missed by his colleagues and friends, and I would like to express my sincere condolences and sympathy to his family.

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences for the loss of a great Man. Dr. Hickes literally saved my life at Crouse Hospital in October 2010. I am certain that I was not the first. On behalf of my wife, children, family and myself, we will be eternally grateful.

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“ *My thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of Dr. Hickes. The hospital family was truly in shock today learning of his passing. He was such a kind man to his patients and the staff. He often would "drop off" blue bags of candy from the gift shop for the nurses! Such a nice man! He sure will be missed.*

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“ *I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Hickes. I hope a passage at John 5:28, 29 gives the family comfort during this difficult time. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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“ *I am truly saddened after learning of your loss. My conversations with Bob were few but those we shared were always informed, worldly, humorous and direct. Bob was such a comfort to my father during his last days. My mother still speaks of his remarkable beside manner. From my perspective, I observed a wonderful friendship reaching far beyond just husband and wife. You can be grateful and reflect on those years together. It may not seem so now, but many more life rewards are ahead. My thoughts and prayers are with you, family and friends. Peace, Art*

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“ Dr. Hickes hired me for my first real job and I was immediately part of the \"office family\" for 15 years. I was very saddened to hear of his passing. What a great man and an excellent doctor - I know he will be missed dearly. My sincerest condolences to Carol and the kids - my thoughts and prayers are with you! Give em heck up there, Dr. H!!

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“ I would like to send my deepest and sincere sympathies to the Hickes family. Dr Hickes was one of the most loved doctors by the nursing staff. He was great with his patients and staff members. I personally remember many interactions with him that showed his heart. You knew Dr Hickes went to the fair because he would bring in bags of stuffed animals for the staff children. Even on his fishing days he would stopped in to dropped off goodies for the nursing staff. Not to mention the lunches he would give to the floors. That was the kind of man that he was. We will all miss him dearly.

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“ To Carol and family, We at Feher Rubbish Removal would like to extend our sincere sympathy. Feher Rubbish Removal

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